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WARNING

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PLEASE READ THIS USER MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE YOUR INITIAL START-UP!

Unpacking Instructions

Immediately upon receiving this product, carefully unpack the carton and check the contents to ensure that all parts are present, and have been received in good condition. Notify the dealer immediately and retain packing material for inspection if any parts appear damaged from shipping or the carton itself shows signs of mishandling. Save the carton and all packing materials. In the event that a fixture must be returned to the factory, it is important that the fixture be returned in the original factory box and packing.

Your shipment includes:

- Falcon
- IEC power cord
- User manual

CAUTION!

Keep this system away from rain and moisture!

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Every person involved with the installation, operation and maintenance of this system has to:

- be qualified
- follow the instructions of this manual

CAUTION! Be careful with your operations.
With a dangerous voltage you can suffer
a dangerous electric shock when touching the wires!

Before you initial start-up, please make sure that there is no damage caused by transportation. Should there be any, consult your dealer and do not use the system.

To maintain perfect condition and to ensure a safe operation, it is absolutely necessary for the user to follow the safety instructions and warning notes written in this manual.

Please consider that damages caused by manual modifications to the system are not subject to warranty.

This system contains no user-serviceable parts. Refer servicing to qualified technicians only.

IMPORTANT:

The manufacturer will not accept liability for any resulting damages caused by the non-observance of this manual or any unauthorized modification to the system.

- Never let the power-cord come into contact with other cables! Handle the power-cord and all connections with the mains with particular caution!
- Never remove warning or informative labels from the unit.
- Never use anything to cover the ground contact.
- Never leave any cables lying around.

- Do not insert objects into air vents.
- Do not connect this system to a dimmerpack.
- Do not switch the system on and off in short intervals, as this would reduce the system's life.
- Do not open the device and do not modify the device.
- Do not shake the device. Avoid brute force when installing or operating the device.
- Please clean the dust filter every 15 days.
- Only use system indoor, avoid contact with water or other liquids.
- Avoid flames and do not put close to flammable liquids or gases.
- Always disconnect power from the mains, when system is not used. Only handle the power-cord by the plug. Never pull out the plug by tugging the power-cord.
- Make sure you don't use the wrong kind of cables or defective cables.
- Make sure that the signals into the mixer are balanced, otherwise hum could be created.
- Make sure you use DI boxes to balance unbalanced signals; All incoming signals should be clear.
- Make sure that the device is not exposed to extreme heat, moisture or dust.
- Make sure that the available voltage is not higher than stated on the rear panel.
- Make sure that the power-cord is never crimped or damaged. Check the system and the power-cord from time to time.
- Make sure that the amplifier is turned down, before turning the power on or off. So you can avoid supersonic frequencies, which could damage your speakers.
- Don't put your equipment next to TV, radio, etc., because of interference or distortion.
- If you connect other parts of the system, be careful of ground loops.
- The best way to avoid ground loops is connecting the electrical system ground to one central point ("star" system). In this case the mixer can act as a central point.
- Before changing the ground, always turn off your amplifier.
- Please read this manual carefully and keep it for future reference. Remember that the amplifier has a better value on the market, if you save the carton and all packing materials.
- Always operate the unit with the AC ground wire connected to the electrical system ground.
- Connecting amplifier outputs to oscilloscopes or other test equipment, while the amplifier is in bridged mode, may damage both the amplifier and test equipment.
- Do not drive the inputs with a signal level bigger than required, to drive the equipment to full output.
- Please turn off the power switch, when changing the power cord or signal cable, or select the input mode switch.
- In typical use, please set the volume at 0dB position.
- Sometimes, when you want to send one signal to more than one amplifier, you should use a signal distributor.
- If your Dap Audio device fails to work properly, discontinue use immediately. Pack the unit securely (preferably in the original packing material), and return it to your Dap Audio dealer for service.
- Allow time to cool down, before cleaning or servicing.
- For replacement use fuses of same type and rating only.
- Prevent distortion! Make sure that all components connected to the device have sufficient power ratings. Otherwise distortion will be generated because the components are operated at their limits.
- Avoid ground loops! Always be sure to connect the power amps and the mixing console to the same electrical circuit to ensure the same phase!
- If system is dropped or struck, disconnect mains power supply immediately. Let a qualified engineer inspect the device for safety before operating.
- If the system has been exposed to drastic temperature fluctuation (e.g. after transportation), do not switch it on immediately. The arising condensation water might damage your system. Leave the system switched off until it has reached room temperature.
- This device falls under protection class I. Therefore it is essential to connect the yellow/green conductor to earth.
- The user is responsible for correct positioning and operating of this device. The manufacturer will not accept liability for damages caused by the misuse or incorrect installation of this device.
- Repairs, servicing and electric connection must be carried out by a qualified technician.

OPERATING DETERMINATIONS

If this system is operated in any other way, than the one described in this manual, the product may suffer damages and the warranty becomes void.
Any other operation may lead to dangers like short-circuit, burns, electric shock, etc.

You endanger your own safety and the safety of others!

Improper installation can cause serious damage to people and property !

⚠ Return Procedure ⚠

Returned merchandise must be sent prepaid and in the original packing, call tags will not be issued. Package must be clearly labeled with a Return Authorization Number (RMA number). Products returned without an RMA number will be refused. Highlite will not accept the returned goods or any responsibility. Call Highlite 0031-455667723 or mail aftersales@highlite.nl and request an RMA prior to shipping the fixture. Be prepared to provide the model number, serial number and a brief description of the cause for the return. Be sure to properly pack fixture, any shipping damage resulting from inadequate packaging is the customer's responsibility. Highlite reserves the right to use its own discretion to repair or replace product(s). As a suggestion, proper UPS packing or double-boxing is always a safe method to use.

Note: If you are given an RMA number, please include the following information on a piece of paper inside the box:
1) Your name
2) Your address
3) Your phone number
4) A brief description of the symptoms

Claims

The client has the obligation to check the delivered goods immediately upon delivery for any short-comings and/or visible defects, or perform this check after our announcement that the goods are at their disposal. Damage incurred in shipping is the responsibility of the shipper; therefore the damage must be reported to the carrier upon receipt of merchandise.
It is the customer's responsibility to notify and submit claims with the shipper in the event that a fixture is damaged due to shipping. Transportation damage has to be reported to us within one day after receipt of the delivery.
Any return shipment has to be made post-paid at all times. Return shipments must be accompanied with a letter defining the reason for return shipment. Non-prepaid return shipments will be refused, unless otherwise agreed in writing.
Complaints against us must be made known in writing or by fax within 10 working days after receipt of the invoice. After this period complaints will not be handled anymore.
Complaints will only then be considered if the client has so far complied with all parts of the agreement, regardless of the agreement of which the obligation is resulting.

Description of the device

Features

The Falcon 700, Falcon 1000, Falcon 1500, Falcon 1700 and Falcon 2000 are professional high-end amplifiers :

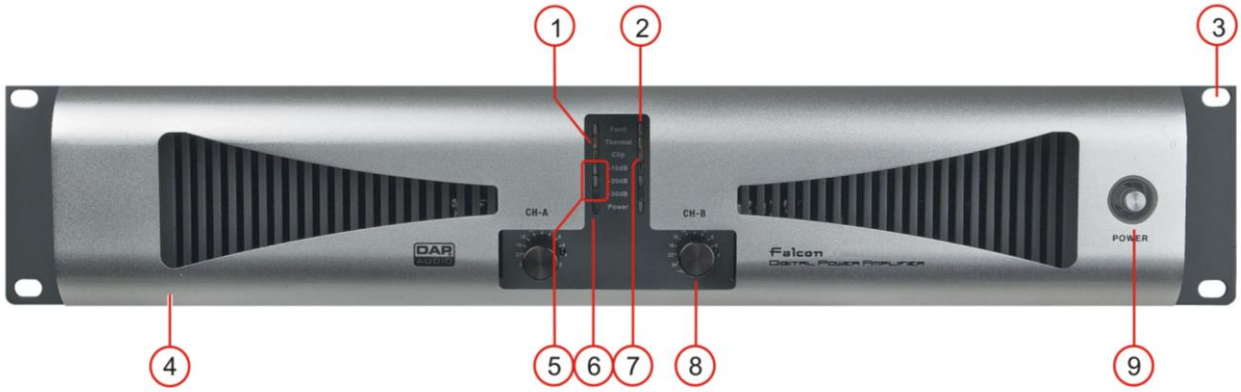
• Power rating

	4Ω	8Ω
Falcon 700	RMS 2 X 420W	RMS 2 X 240W
Falcon 1000	RMS 2 X 480W	RMS 2 X 280W
Falcon 1500	RMS 2 X 650W	RMS 2 X 375W
Falcon 1700	RMS 2 X 720W	RMS 2 X 420W
Falcon 2000	RMS 2 X 850W	RMS 2 X 520W

• Protection: RMS Limiter (Fixed)
Short Circuit
Output Overload
Output Short Circuit
DC Voltage
High Temperature
• Lightweight
• Compact design
• Full digital sound processing
• 8 ohm, 4 ohm and bridge mode
• High efficiency
• Environment friendly
• Stylish design
• Very affordable digital amplifier
• Class D amplifiers

Fig. 1

Frontpanel



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1. **Thermal LEDs**
   Indicates that the channel is in Thermal protect mode.
2. **Fault LEDs**
   Indicates that the unit is in protection mode due to a fault condition. The fault can be caused by over temperature of the heatsink or DC voltage on the output. While in protection mode, the speakers are disconnected from the amplifier by an internal relay. While powering on, the fault LED will light for approximately 3 seconds. The fault LED will dim if the start up cycle is completed or the problem is solved.
3. **Rack Mounting Holes**
   Two front panel mounting holes are provided on each mounting flange,
4. **Fan Inlet Grills**
   Falcon series amplifiers are cooled by two, rear-mounted fans, Cool air flows over the heat sinks and exhausts through the rear grills, Make sure these outlets remain clear to allow unrestricted air flow,
5. **Level Indicator**
6. **Power LEDs**
   Indicates that the channel is active.
7. **Clip LEDs**
   If the output signal distortion exceeds 1%, the Clip LED will light up in orange. Decrease the input level by the **Input attenuators (8)** counterclockwise.
8. **Input Attenuators**
   Whenever possible, set attenuators fully clockwise to maintain optimum system headroom. The input attenuator controls (one for channel A, one for channel B) located at the front panel adjust gain for their respective amplifier channels in all modes. See the specifications at the end of this manual for standard voltage gain and input sensitivity information.
9. **AC Power Switch**
   This is the main Power switch. Press to turn the amplifier on.

Backpanel

Fig. 3

10. Fuse
Replace the fuse only by a fuse of the same type (F8A, 6x32mm).

11. Output A Speakon Connector
Using speakon-type speaker cables, make connections to both the channel A and channel B connectors for Stereo mode, to channel A connector for Bridged mono mode.

12. Channel B In/Through Connectors
These connectors accept input signals on XLR input plugs, See the section on connecting cables on page 10/11 for information on polarity, Connectors for each channel are in parallel, The unused connectors may be used for linking to other amplifiers.

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14. AC Inlet
This connector is meant for the connection of the supplied main cord. Connect one end of the power cord to the connector, the other end to the mains, then turn on the **Power switch (9)** to operate the unit.
Note: Please make sure that the supply voltage matches the operation voltage before connecting the unit to mains.

15. Air cooling window
This part is the air cooling window. Don't obstruct it.

16. Output B Speakon Connector
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17. Stereo/ Bridge Switch
The two-position, Mode Select switch (located on the rear panel) configures the amplifier for either Stereo or Bridged Mono Mode.

Operation

Installation

Remove all packing materials from the Falcon. Check that all foam and plastic padding is removed. Secure the equipment into a 19" rack. Connect all cables.

Connecting Power / Circuit Size Requirements.

Make sure the mains voltage Is correct and Is the same as that printed on the rear of the amplifier. Damage caused by connecting the amplifier to Improper AC voltage Is not covered by any warranty. Unless otherwise specified when ordered. DAP audio amplifiers shipped to customers are configured as follows:

NOTE: *Always turn off and disconnect the amplifier from mains voltage before making audio connections. Also, as an extra precaution, have the attenuators turned down during power-up.*

Cooling System and Requirements.

Falcon Series amplifiers use a twin-tunnel forced-air cooling system to maintain a low, even operating temperature. Drawn In by variable speed fan(s) on the front panel, air flows through the cooling fans of the channel heat sinks (dissipating power transistor heat), then exhausts through the rear panel slots.

IMPORTANT: To ensure optimum cooling, periodically clean the amplifier fan filters (removable without tools). Also make certain that there is *enough space around the front of the amplifier to allow the cooling air to escape. If the amplifier is rack-mounted, do not use doors* or *covers on the front of the rack; the exhaust air must flow out without resistance. If the amplifiers are housed in racks with closed backs, allow at least one (1) standard rack space of opening In the front of the rack for every four amplifiers.*

Connecting Inputs.

Use the XLR input connectors on the rear to supply audio signals to your DAP Audio Falcon Series amplifier. The connectors accept balanced and unbalanced audio connections. The Falcon Series amplifiers are configured standard with "Pin 2 hot" on XLR inputs. The Link connector can be used to loop the audio Input to another amplifier Input. For more Information, see the section on Connection cables page 10.

Connecting Outputs.

Speakers are connected using Speakon connectors. For examples see figures 4 and 5.

Mode Selection

The two-position, Mode Select switch (located on the rear panel) configures the amplifier for either Stereo or Bridged Mono Mode. Amplifiers are factory-configured for Stereo Mode.

Stereo Mode

In Stereo Mode, both channels operate independently, with their input attenuators controlling their respective levels. Signal at Channel A's input produces output at Channel A's output while signal at Channel B's input produces output at Channel B's output.

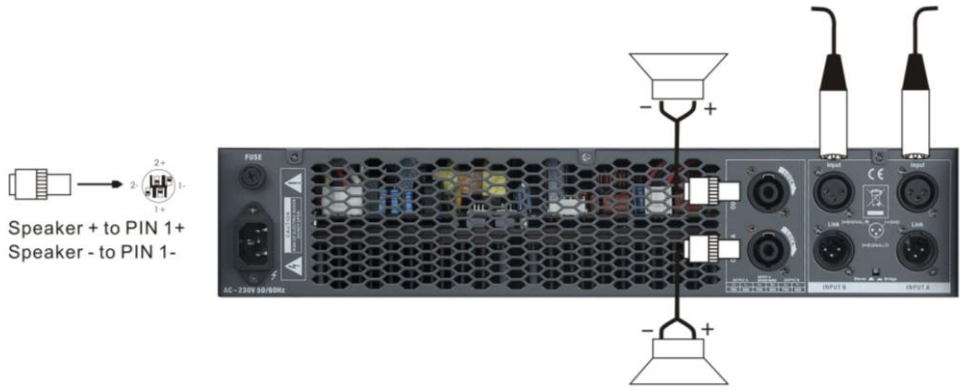


Fig. 4

Important !!!

Absolute minimum nominal load Impedance for stereo operation is 4 Ohm per channel.

Bridged Mono Mode

Bridged Mono Mode straps both amplifier channels together to make a very powerful, single-channel monaural amplifier. One channel "pushes" and the other "pulls" equally, doubling the power over that of channel alone. Signal is applied to the Channel A input only. Both attenuators are used to control signal level; in addition, both must be adjusted to the same setting. Only channel A input may be used.

Use extreme caution when operating the amplifier In Bridged Mono Mode. Never ground either side of the speaker cable when the amplifier Is in Bridged Mono Mode; both sides are "hot. "If an output patch panel is used, all connections must be Isolated from each other and from the panel.

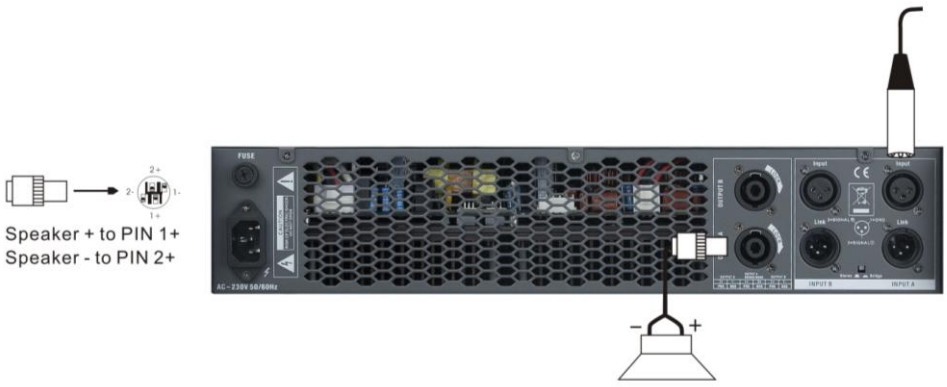


Fig. 5

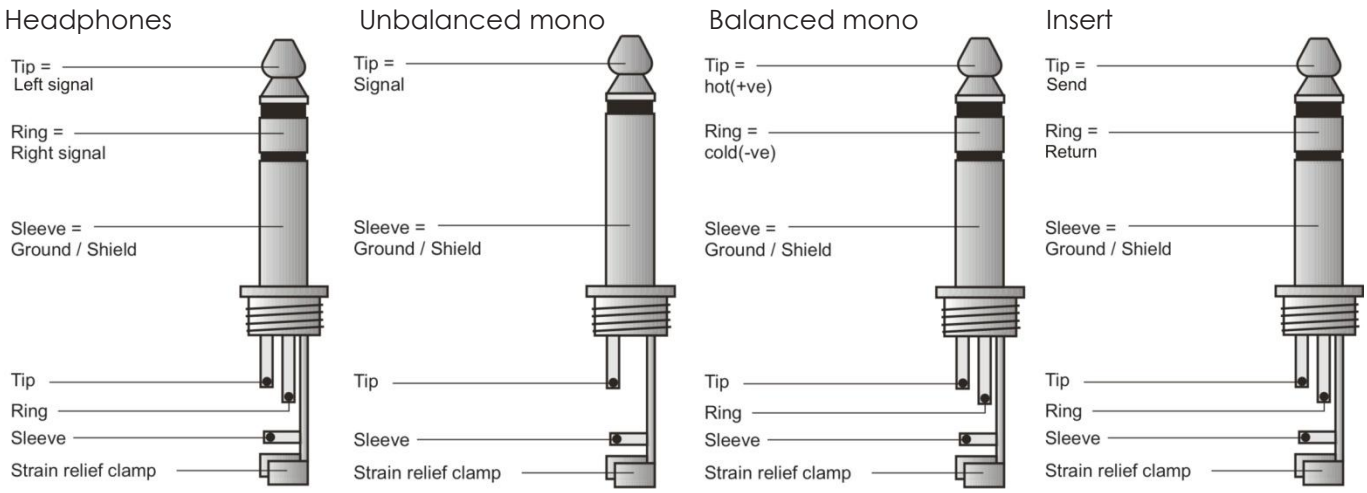
Important!!!

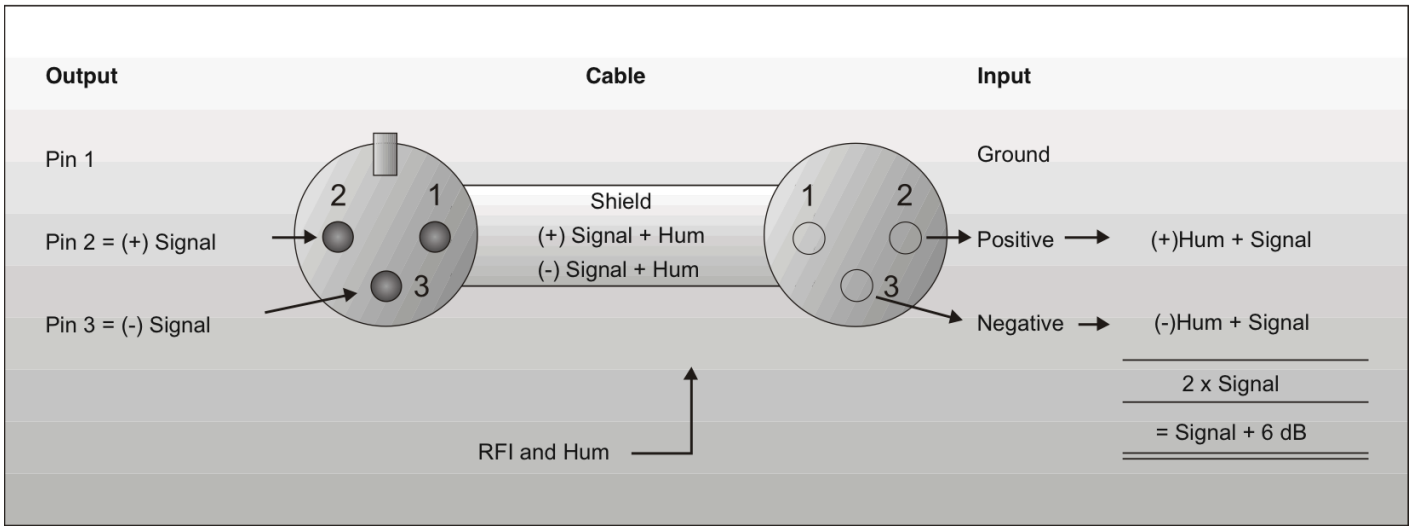
Absolute minimum nominal load Impedance for bridge operation is 8 Ohm.

Connecting amplifier outputs to oscilloscopes or other test equipment while the amplifier is in bridged mode may damage both the amplifier and test equipment!

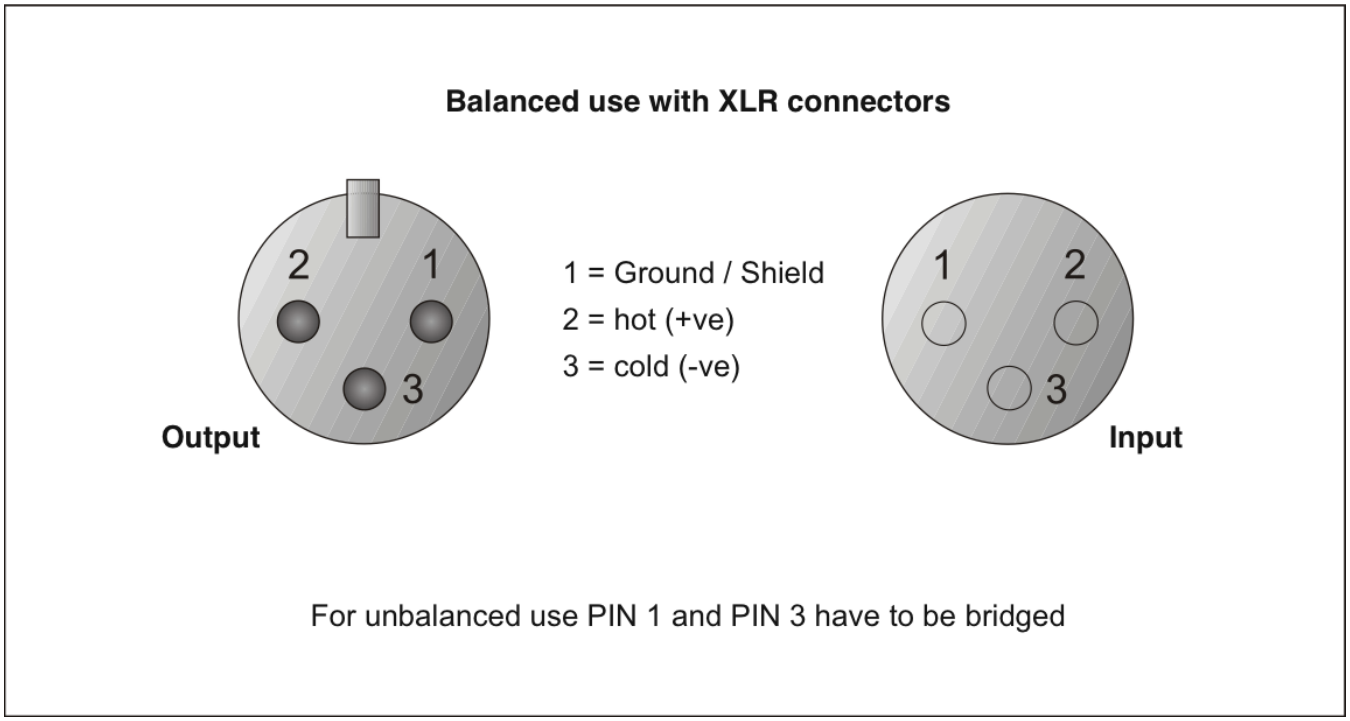
Connection Cables

Take care of your cables, always holding them by the connectors and avoiding knots and twists when coiling them: This gives the advantage of increasing their life and reliability.
Periodically check your cables. A great number of problems (faulty contacts, ground hum, discharges, etc.) are caused entirely by using unsuitable or faulty cables.





Compensation of interference with balanced connections



Maintenance

The DAP Audio Falcon-series requires almost no maintenance. However, you should keep the unit clean. Disconnect the mains power supply, and then wipe the cover with a damp cloth. Do not immerse in liquid. Do not use alcohol or solvents.
Keep connections clean. Disconnect electric power, and then wipe the DMX and audio connections with a damp cloth. Make sure connections are thoroughly dry before linking equipment or supplying electric power.

Replacing a Fuse

Power surges, short-circuit or inappropriate electrical power supply may cause a fuse to burn out. If the fuse burns out, the product will not function whatsoever. If this happens, follow the directions below to do so.

1. Unplug the unit from electric power source.
2. Insert a screwdriver into the slot in the fuse cover. Turn the screwdriver to the left, at the same time gently push a bit (Turn and Push). The fuse will come out.
3. Remove the broken fuse. If brown or unclear, it is burned out.
4. Insert the replacement fuse into the holder where the old fuse was. Reinsert the fuse cover. Be sure to use a fuse of the same type and specification. See the product specification label for details.

Troubleshooting

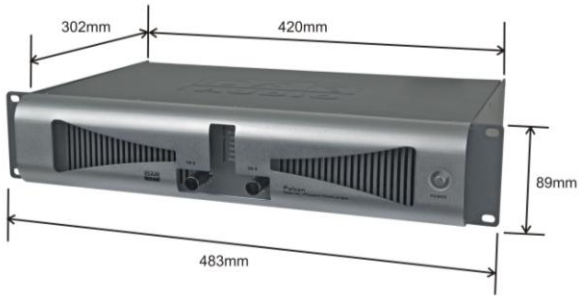
DAP Audio Falcon-series Amplifiers.
This troubleshooting guide is meant to help solve simple problems. If a problem occurs, carry out the steps below in sequence until a solution is found. Once the unit operates properly, do not carry out following steps.

1. If the device does not operate properly, unplug the device.
2. Check the fuse, power from the wall, all cables, etc.
3. If all of the above appears to be O.K., plug the unit in again.
4. If you are unable to determine the cause of the problem, do not open the amplifier, as this may damage the unit and the warranty will become void.
5. Return the amplifier to your Dap Audio dealer.

Product Specifications

2 HE High Power Class-D Stereo PA Amplifier
Output Power, 1000 Hz, THD+N at 1%, Both Channels Driven:

		Falcon 700	Falcon1000	Falcon 1500	Falcon 1700	Falcon2000
Stereo Power	8Ω:	2x 240Wrms	2x 280Wrms	2x 375Wrms	2x 420Wrms	2x 520Wrms
	4Ω:	2x 420Wrms	2x 480Wrms	2x 650Wrms	2x 720Wrms	2x 850Wrms
	2Ω:	Not Allowed				
Bridge Mode	8Ω:	840Wrms	960Wrms	1300Wrms	1440Wrms	1700Wrms
	4Ω:	Not Allowed				
Frequency Response:		DC - 20kHz, -1dB				
THD + N:		<0,05%				
Intermodulation Distortion:		<0,05%				
Damping Factor(100Hz, 8Ω):		>800				
Slew Rate:		40V/µS				
Input CMRR:		>60dB				
Crosstalk:		>62dB				
Signal to Noise Ratio:		>95dB A- weighed				
Input Sensitivity:		1V, 2,2dBu				
Input Impedance:		20kΩ Balanced 10kΩ Unbalanced				
Protection:		RMS Limiter (Fixed) Short Circuit Output Overload Output Short Circuit DC Voltage High Temperature				
Output Modes (Selectable):		Stereo/ Bridge				
Cooling:		Variable Speed Fan				
Airflow:		Front to Back				
Input/ Link Connectors:		XLR/ XLR				
Output Connectors:		Speakon				
Groundlift Switch:		No				
Dimensions (W x H x D):		483 x 89 x 302 mm				
Net Weight:		6,7kg	6,9kg	6,9kg	6,9kg	6,9kg
Power Supply:		230Vac, 50-60 Hz				
Main Fuse:		F8A, 5 x 20 mm				
Power Consumption (2x 4Ω):		1150W	1500W	1875W	2000W	2200W



Design and product specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

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Wire Gauge Chart (Metric)

Stranded Cable Length (m)	Wire Gauge (mm^2)	Power Loss % (8 ohm load)	Power Loss % (4 ohm load)	Power Loss % (2 ohm load)
2	0,3	2,9	5,6	10,8
	0,5	1,74	3,4	6,7
	0,75	1,16	2,3	4,5
	1,5	0,58	1,16	2,3
	2,5	0,35	0,70	1,39
	4	0,22	0,44	0,87
5	0,5	4,3	8,2	15,5
	0,75	2,9	5,6	10,8
	1,5	1,45	2,9	5,6
	2,5	0,87	1,74	3,4
	4	0,55	1,09	2,2
	6	0,37	0,73	1,45
10	0,5	8,24	15,5	28
	0,75	5,6	10,8	19,9
	1,5	2,9	5,6	10,8
	2,5	1,74	2,9	6,7
	4	1,09	1,74	4,3
	6	0,73	1,09	2,9
30	0,75	15,5	0,73	45
	1,5	8,2	15,5	28
	2,5	5,1	9,8	18,2
	4	3,2	6,3	12
	6	2,2	4,3	8,2
	10	1,31	2,6	5,1

Wire Gauge Chart (AWG: American Wire Gauge)

Stranded Cable Length(ft)	Wire Gauge (AWG)	Power Loss % (8 ohm load)	Power Loss % (4 ohm load)	Power Loss % (2 ohm load)
5	18	0.81	1.61	3.2
	16	0.51	1.02	2
	14	0.32	0.64	1.28
	12	0.2	0.4	0.8
	10	0.128	0.25	0.51
10	18	1.61	3.2	6.2
	16	1.02	2	4
	14	0.64	1.28	2.5
	12	0.4	0.8	1.6
	10	0.25	0.51	1.01
40	18	6.2	11.9	22
	16	4	7.7	14.6
	14	2.5	5	9.6
	12	1.6	3.2	6.2
	10	1.01	2	4
	8	0.6	1.2	2.4
80	18	11.9	22	37
	16	7.7	14.6	26
	14	5	9.6	17.8
	12	3.2	6.2	11.8
	10	2	4	7.7
	8	1.2	2.4	4.7

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